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SUBJECT: PLANNED MILITARY EARTH SATELLITE STATION

REF: (A) 75 STATE 224547, (B) 75 TAIPEI 5759

1. THE UNITED STATES ARMY COMMUNICATIONS COMMAND (USACC) HAS REQUESTED AN AREA CLEARANCE TO SEND A TEAM TO TAIWAN FEBRUARY 19-25, TO DO A SECOND SITE SURVEY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SATELLITE EARTH TERMINAL AS DESCRIBED IN TAIPEI'S REF B. THE EARLIER SURVEYS REPORTEDLY ARE FOR THE SAME SATELLITE TERMINAL AND THE FINAL DECISION ON INSTALLATION WILL BE MADE BY DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY (DCA).

2. TDC HAS QUESTIONED THE WISDOM OF THE SECOND SURVEY IN A CABLE TO CINCPAC, RELEVANT PORTION OF WHICH IS QUOTED BELOW.

3. QUOTE: THIS COMMAND (TDC) INTERPOSES NO OBJECTION TO ...SURVEY AND RECOGNIZES BENEFITS OF PROPOSED TERMINAL. THERE IS LOCAL DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT FURTHER SURVEY ACTION SHOULD TAKE PLACE ON TAIWAN, WITH ATTENDANT COSTS AND RISK OF AROUSING GROC INEREST, IN THE ABSENCE OF INFORMATION REGARDING COORDINATION WITH SECSTATE. DETERMINATION THAT INSTALLATION OF A SATELLITE TERMINAL ON TAIWAN IS CONSISTENT WITH US POLICY REGARDING TAIWAN SEEMS ADVISABLE

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BEFORE FURTHER ACTION IS TAKEN. REQUEST ADVICE PENDING

FORMAL RESPONSE TO ...AREA CLEARANCE REQUEST. END QUOTE.

4. IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT'S POSITION REF A
WE DO NOT PLAN TO OBJECT TO THE SECOND SURVEY PROVIDED
THERE IS NO CONTACT WITH THE GROG.
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